MUSICAL, SOCIAL, LITERARY.

The Organizations of Roanoke for Pleasure and Improvement.

Short and Interesting Sketches of the Musical, Social and Literary Societies of the City-What They are-Who Compose Them-Roanoke Society as Lively as Its Business.

Roanoke is a humming, hustling city. A great stream of humanity is constantly rushing along its principal thoroughfares in counter currents.

Everybody is on business bent in the varied and manifold avocations of life. But the incessant business tension cannot be forever kept up.

There must be some relaxation, and there are to be found in Roanoke many social and intellectual organizations, whose aims and purposes are to engage in short hours of pleasure and profit, which does not at all detract from the business qualifications of their members, but only enables them to work all the better when returning to their routine

One of the most profitable of all the sceial clubs of the city is the Roanoke Musical Society, which is only of recent growth, the organization having been perfected last September.

The officers of the society are: Paul Goerner, A. C. M., musical director; J. C. Cook, president, and Daniel Fitler, secretary and treasurer.

The society's hall is on the southeast corner of Salem avenue and Henry streets.

At present the organization has a men's chorus, but possibly in a few months it will have established a mixed

chorus.

The Instrumental section will start in January next with six instruments, including all the instruments needed to render a good class of chamber music except a cornet. A cornet player would be a great and welcome accusation to the musical society.

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rise total membership of these follow-ers of Melpomine is twenty, seven. Captain Charles Lyle is president of the Roanoke Dancing Club, and R. S. Roberts is vice-president. The exec-ntive committee contists of J. B. Barbee, Lee H. Simmons and B. L. Greider

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Roanoke has had a dancing club for about six years, and the present organization is the lineal successor to the fir.t. one established. It has on its roll thirty members.
The Rorer Park Literary Society is an institution which also has added the customary pleasure features, such as dancing and whist parties.
The officers are E. Bond, president: Mrs. Charles Irwin, vice-president, and Mrs. E. Bond, secretary and treasurer. The executive committee consists of Harry Warner, Hugh Fry and Mr. Bar-The executive committee consist.
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The St. Andrews Society has probably the largest membership of any of the social organizations in Roanoke. The members now on its roll reach up as high as 185. The organization is composed largey of the young people of the Catholic Church and is now about three years old. While it is largely a literary organization, it also has added benevolent and charitable features. It gives entertainments once every month, the proceeds of which are devoted to charitable purposes.

The officers of the St. Andrews Society are J. B. Brian, president; John McDermott, vice-president; John Carr, secretary and A. Sauter, treasurer. The board of managers consists of R. M. Casey, Councilman John Sheehan and A. Sauter.

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confine itself to one author, it was decided that a change of name was also necessary, and consequently it is now called the Clover Club.

The meetings of the society are held every Monday night at the residence of Mrs. Stone, on Church street. The club has now twenty members, all being of the most literary, intellectual and accomplished people of Roanoke. More interest is manifested by the members than ever before, and the club is doing better work than at any time in its better work than at any time in its

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A her society, whose purpose is may to furnish enjoyment to those who engage in the "maizes of the dance," is the Junior German Club.

The president is Warren Wellford; the vice-president, Hubert Elliott; the treasurer, Fred G. Bennett; and the secretary, Austin Neal. The executive committee consists of the officers of the club with R. L. Wright, Austin Woodson, C. A. Carpenter and John Trout.

The membership of the club consists of about thirty-five of the lending society young men of the city.

ty young men of the city Its are given at Rorer Park Hotel.

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Corn dull, lower, No. 2, 64; ungraded mixed, 65@65%; options closed weak, dull; Jan., 62%; May, 61%. Cost fairly active, weaker. Options dull, weak; Dee, and Jan., 50%; May, 51%. Hops, quiet, easy. Coffee, options closed barely steady; unchanged to 10 down; dull; Dec., 17,25@17,30; May, 15,05@15,15. Spot rio quiet, steady.

Sugar, raw, quiet, steady; fair cefining, 4%; refined, steady, quiet. Molasses, foreign, nominal; New Orleans, quiet, steady. Petroleum, steady, quiet; refined, all ports, 7,25. Cotton-seed oil, steady; crude, off grade, 19@20.

Rosin steady, quiet; common to good

Rosin steady, quiet; common to good 1.45@1.50. Turpentine dull, weak. Wool quiet, casy. Provisions quiet, steady. Lard opened weak, closing strong; Western steam. 6.15 asked; Jan., 6.20; Feb., 6.37; May, 6.70 bid. Freights unchanged.

PERSONAL AND LITERARY.

-Mr. Henrix Ibsen makes his wife copy all his prosy and unsavory manuscripts for him.

-Baron Rothschild is an ardent philatelist, and devotes much time and money to collecting and arranging stamps.

The largest library in the world is that founded by Lonis XIV. in Paris; there are 1,400,000 volumes, 175,000 manuscripts, 300,000 maps and charts, and 150,000 coins and medals.

-A friend of Mr. Charles Dudley Warner recently asked the author to write his autograph in a copy of My Summer in a Garden. Mr. Warner com-plied, adding this "sentiment:" "H you follow the precepts of this treatise on morals, you may be a gardener, but you may go to Heaven."

-The original manuscript of Burns' great battle song, "Scots wha hae," was picked up recently for a small sum by John S. Kennedy, of New York, while he was abroad. He offered it to the city of Edinburg for the price he had paid, and it was gladly accepted, with a vote of thanks from the Town Coun-

-The Emperor of China sleeps on a bed of carved wood magnificently in-laid with gold and ivory. It is said concerning the Chinese court that the strictest observance of etiquette ex-tends even to the parents of the monarch, who, on visiting their son, dare not omit to bend the knee, whilst the younger brother of his Celestial Majesty is subject to observances no less rigid.

-Kaiser Wilhelm's Land in New Guinea is quite prosperous. The soil and climate in Stephansport and Hatzfeldthaven are very favorable for the cultivation of tobacco. Last year there was quite a large quantity of the finest cotton exported from Kaiser Wilhelm's Land, and many shiploads of corn were sent to Australia. The cultivation of coffee, too, is progressing very satisfac-

-The German Emperor models his handwriting as closely as possible after that of his grandfather, and has caused the Empress to have her photograph taken for public display and sale, in style of dress and attitude identified with Queen Louisa of Prussia. He has scarcely been able, however, to make

A LAUGHING PLANT.

Extraordinary Desert Cereal and Its Peculiar Properties.

While the Stanley expedition was crossing a portion of the southern extremity of the Sahara Desert, they were made acquainted with the peculiar properties of a plant known only to that region, called by the Arabs cuili koia, or the laughing plant. Prof. Salchi, attached to the expedition, was fortunate enough to secure several fine speci-mens of this peculiar plant, which he is at present cultivating with a view to practical experiments.

The production of laughter by artificial means, it is thought, can be reduced to a science now that the discovery of a plant, the properties of which are a direct incentive to laughter, has been made. Any amount of cachinna-tion can be produced by simply increasing or diminishing the laugh-producing dose.

There was a time when the somnolent effects produced by the poppy were not generally known, but the soporfic prop-erties of this plant are now beyond cavil and in a short time it is expected that Prof. Salchi will have a crop of the laugh-producing plants large enough for practical experiments. The now almost unknown plant will soon become a staple article of commerce and the principal cereal cultivated in many a vastgarden will be the laughter-producing plant. As opium is certain to produce sleep so can the laughing plant be at all times relied upon to produce laughter in all animated creatures, from the micro-organisms of the oscillatorize up to the genus homo.

This strange plant grows in the arid deserts of Arabia and on the vast sea of the white sand known as the Desert of Sahara, in Africa. The plant is of moderate size with bright, yellow flowers and soft, velvety seed pods, each of which contains two or three seeds resembling small black beans. The natives of the district where this strange plant grows dry the seeds in the sun and reduce them to a fine impalpable powder by a process of maceraparparie powder by a process of macro-tion between two stones. A small dose of this powder has similar effects to that arising from the inhalation of laughing gas. It causes the most sober person to dance, shout and laugh with boisterous excitement of a madman, and to rush about cutting the most ridiculous capers for about an hour. At the expiration of this time exhaus-tion sets in, and the excited person falls asleep, to wake after an hour or more with a more or less vivid recol-lection of having been in the seventh heaven of enjoyment. -P hiladelphia

Utopia in Louisiana.

About five hundred persons in Iowa have decided to form a "Bellamy colony" and settle in Louisiana. The "basic principles" of the enterprise are thus stated: "Man alone is nothing but a savage; he can support existence and that is all. It is only in and through society that he can obtain wealth and culture. Wealth is the product of man's labor expended on the earth, which is God's gift to the race. No man should be allowed to monopolize the National resources and levy a tribute on his fellowmen for the opportunity to labor. Every man is entitled to just so much liberty as will allow equal liberty to every other man. Each man should recaive the full product of his labor, except an amount sufficient to discharge his debt to society." Each stockholder pays \$500 into the common fund, which reverts to himself if he resigns or is expeled from the colony, or to his heirs if he dies. Eight hours is to form a labor hour. No difference, it appears, will be made in the wages of skilled and unskilled labor, effective or non-effective work. A board of trustees will manage the business. Enterprises of this Utopian character are occasionally useful as object lessons.—Chicago Tribune.

Census-Taking in Germany. They have a different way of taking the census in Germany than the one in vogue in the United States. They take the census every five years there, and cover the whole empire in one day; but only questions in reference to domicile, name, sex, age and social position are asked. Several days before December 1 the enumerator goes around in his district and finds out how many persons live in each house. For each person he leaves a card containing the questions, and on each eard is written the number of the house and district. A duplicate of each card so filled out is kept in the central station. On December 1 the enumerator goes around and collects the cards, the heads of the families, agents or owners being under penalty to fill out the cards, or have them filled out, and to return them. By the duplicate a check is kept, so that the enumerators can not skip a house. In that way the exact number

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